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SUBJ: POLISH COMMENT ON FRG-BRAZIL ATOMIC CONTRACT

- 1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF FEBRUARY 28 CARRIES A REPORT DETAILING THE WASHINGTON-BONN DISAGREEMENT OVER THE FRG'S PLANS TO EXPORT NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL.
- 2. UNDER THE SUB-TITLE "DANGEROUS PERSPECTIVE," THE ARTICLE SAYS THE POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE CONTRACT BECOME EVIDENT WHEN ONE CONSIDERS THAT THE GERMANS PLAN TO GIVE BRAZIL THE CAPACITY TO SEPARATE PLUTONIUM AND, THUS, TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR ARMS. "IN OTHER WORDS, THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND BRAZIL HAS CREATED THE DANGER OF CONTRAVENTION OF TWO BINDING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS: THE 1968 TREATY ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION AND THE TREATY OF 1967 FORBIDDING NUCLEAR ARMS IN LATIN AMERICA."
- 3. THE REPORT CONTINUES THAT "THE DESIRE OF CERTAIN WEST GERMAN CIRCLES TO POSSESS SOME FORM OF THEIR OWN ATOMIC WEAPONRY HAS BEEN KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE PRACTICE OF ORGANIZAING VARIOUS FORMS OF PRODUCTION OR CO-PRODUCTION ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TERRITORY OF THIRD COUNTRIES OF THE ELEMENTS OF SUCH WEAPONRY, WHICH THEY DO NOT WANT TO PRODUCE AT HOME, IS NOT UNKNOWN IN THE HISTORY OF GERMAN IMPERIALISM."

4. ADDITIONALLY, THE ARTICLE SUGGESTS THAT THE U.S. INTEREST IN BLOCKING THE FRG-BRAZILIAN CONTRACT ARISES NOT ONLY FROM A DESIRE TO UPHOLD INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, BUT ALSO TO PROTECT

U.S. BUSINESS INTERESTS, SPECIFICALLY, THE U.S. MONOPOLY ON THE SALE OF URANIUM TO THE FRG.

5. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR CONTRACT WAS ONE OF THE POINTS DISCUSSED DURING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S RECENT VISIT TO BONN. IT CONCLUDES THAT THE WEST GERMANS EVIDENTLY DO NOT INTEND TO BE DETERRED FROM CARRYING OUT THE AGREEMENT.

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